

## Yanks Hit Back At Nazi Attack

## Atlantic Charter Non-existent—F.D.R.

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt declared this afternoon that the Atlantic Charter did not exist as a formal document signed by himself and Prime Minister Churchill, but that he still stood for its principles.

## U.N.R.R.A. Retreats

LONDON (CP)—Herbert H. Lehman, director-general of U.N.R.R.A., announced tonight that the fighting in Greece had forced the temporary withdrawal of a substantial part of the U.N.R.R.A. mission there after several staff members were wounded "in the course of their duties."

## U.S. Planes Sink 14 More Jap Ships

PEARL HARBOR (AP)—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz today reported the additional destruction of 14 ships and small craft in the carrier plane sweeps over Luzon Dec. 13, 14 and 15, raising to 41 the number of Japanese vessels sunk in the three-day attack.

The communique revised downward from 66 to 61 the number of vessels damaged. U.S. combat losses were placed at 27 planes.

## Roosevelt to Keep 'Little to Left'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt said this afternoon he intends to keep on steering a course a little left of center during the war and afterward.

Admittedly asking a "contentious question but seeking a serious answer," a reporter inquired whether the chief executive would go right or left from now on.

The President replied to his news conference that he had said 11½ years ago he was going a little to the left of center and that he still intended to do that.

## Rundstedt Wounded Stockholm Reports

NEW YORK (AP)—The Stockholm-Tidningen said today that Field Marshal Von Rundstedt had been "slightly wounded," according to a dispatch reported to the U.S. Office of War Information.

The Swedish newspaper said Von Rundstedt was reported to be dissatisfied with the German offensive in the west because "too large reserves have been lost from the beginning."

## Urge Housing Plan

VANCOUVER (CP)—Canadian cities should co-operate on one specific scheme for low rental housing projects if they hope to get action from the federal government, the Winnipeg City Council has informed the Vancouver civic building committee.

Winnipeg is urging Vancouver to endorse its resolution for an amendment of the National Housing Act of 1944.

## Special Debate

LONDON (CP)—The House of Commons will hold a special debate on Greece tomorrow, with Prime Minister Churchill expected to speak.

## Compare Nazi Push With Caen Battle

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, PARIS, (CP-Reuters)—Field Marshal Gerd von Rundstedt's great three-day offensive—20 miles deep into Belgium by last reports—has assumed the proportions of the Battle of Caen which British and Canadian troops fought in Normandy last summer.

With German striking columns infiltrating through the Ardennes hill country under a thick fog blanket, the German commander in the west has thrown in the greatest German offensive concentration since that which barred Field Marshal Montgomery's path from Caen.

## Ex-Duce Talks

LONDON (CP)—The German-controlled Milan radio said today Mussolini had reviewed Italian black shirts there, promising them in a balcony address that "in spite of a gray autumn, the spring of our country is imminent."

A German broadcast said all Italian forces which have been training in Germany now have returned to Italy and are fighting on that front.

## Greek Quisling Freed As Leftists Take Prison-Fort

ATHENS (CP-Reuters)—Premier Papandreu today sent a cable to the King of Greece recommending the appointment of Archbishop Damaskinos of Athens as Regent of Greece.

Meanwhile a strong E.L.A.S. attack on the Averoff Prison forced the British to abandon the bastion. Quisling former Premier Jean Rallis, who apparently escaped from the prison during the disorder, was being sought today.

## GARRISON WITHDRAWN

The attack on the prison was made late Tuesday. This morning the British launched a counter-attack to relieve the 113 policemen, 140 wardens and members of the British garrison. A British communique said the garrison and 130 of the Greeks in the prison and some "political prisoners" were successfully withdrawn.

The E.L.A.S. immediately began to fortify the prison. It was estimated some 205 men and 30 women prisoners out of 475 persons held there escaped in the disorder. Most of the inmates were awaiting trial on political charges.

The fate of the remainder of the Greek prison-attendants and the other prisoners was not immediately known. All cells were locked when the west wing caught fire from mortar shells.

The hunt for Rallis was taken up immediately by the British and Greek forces and undoubtedly by the E.L.A.S.

## Royal Trust Co. Buys Union Building; To Move After War

Purchase of the Union Building, corner of View and Government, by the Royal Trust Company, was announced today by F. E. Winslow, manager of the company.

The building was constructed in 1911 by the Union Bank of Canada. "We do not intend to occupy the premises until the close of the war, when extensive alterations will be made to suit us," Mr. Winslow said. "The business of the company here has expanded so greatly that we have not sufficient room to house the additional staff which will be needed once the war is over. We have every confidence in the future of Victoria, and are making our plans now."

The Royal Trust Company opened in Victoria in 1913, as a sub-branch of the Vancouver office, and was under the management of A. M. J. English, now manager in Vancouver.

## RAPID GROWTH

Mr. Winslow took over in 1916. The office was then in the basement of the present premises, and his staff consisted of one girl. Subsequently the branch moved to offices in the Union Bank Building, and a few years after that purchased the safety deposit equipment of the now defunct Victoria Trust Company, and moved to Belmont House.

In 1931, the company moved to its present premises, opposite the Union Building, but, with a staff increased to 44, it has outgrown that accommodation.

Seventeen members of the staff are in the armed services. One member has been killed. The advisory board is composed of G. Hamilton Harman, chairman; Senator R. F. Green, Senator G. H. Barnard, A. T. Goward and J. W. Spencer. Previous chairmen of the board have been the late J. S. C. Fraser, the late Mr. A. Montzambert and Mr. E. W. McMullen. Other former members of the board have been the late Hon. Walter C. Nichol, the late Hon. J. W. Fordham-Johnson, the late John Galt and the late W. C. Todd.

The present officers of the company besides Mr. Winslow are: S. J. D. Clark, manager estates department; E. J. N. Mitchell, secretary, and R. W. Phipps, assistant manager.

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Rallis became premier in April, 1943, and resigned by his own decree the day the German commander quit Athens. Oct. 13 the 67-year-old lawyer was imprisoned by the government of Premier Papandreu. In an interview then Rallis contended he had taken over the premiership during the German occupation to combat Communism.

## TALKED WITH WIFE

British authorities said the capture of Rallis was considered a "highest level affair." He was reported to have visited his wife's apartment briefly shortly after his escape.

Meanwhile R.C.A.F. headquarters at Kifissia, 12 miles north-east of Athens, was subjected to a stiff E.L.A.S. siege with non-combatant R.A.F. clerks and base officers thus far successfully holding out against 600 E.L.A.S. troops seeking to halt strafing by rocket-firing Beaufighters and Spitfires.

The British communique said E.L.A.S. troops were being cleared from the main Athens-Piraeus highway, and that British troops were consolidating their positions astride the route.

Elsewhere in Greece, the communique said, "there is nothing to report."

## 742 Jap Aircraft Bagged in Week Over Philippines

GEN. MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES (AP)—The easiest invasion job of the Pacific war went ahead at full tilt on Mindoro Island today without the slightest ground resistance as U.S. commanders announced at least 742 Japanese planes put out of action the past week.

Admiral Nimitz announced at Pearl Harbor that 461 enemy aircraft had been destroyed or damaged in three days of sustained attacks on Manila Bay and elsewhere on Luzon.

Gen. MacArthur said today many scores of other Japanese aircraft were knocked out of the sky by army and navy fliers supporting the amphibious invasion of Mindoro.

U.S. infantrymen scored gains on Leyte, invaded nearly two months ago. Seventy-seventh Division troops seized an airfield near Valencia, nine miles from captured Ormoc, in their drive up the Ormoc corridor toward a junction with the 2nd Division pressing southward. Thousands of crack enemy troops are caught in the squeeze, and the fighting is bloody all the way.

## Hess Report Denied

LONDON (AP)—The Press Association today distributed and then withdrew a story saying Rudolf Hess had suffered a leg fracture recently when he jumped over a banister during "a brain storm." In cancelling the story, the Press-Association said the War Office reported there was no truth in the statement that Hess had broken his leg.

Hess' "nervous and mental condition has deteriorated in the last few months," said the withdrawn story.

## Hospital Ship In

HALIFAX (CP)—Bearing hundreds of disabled Canadian soldiers back to Canada for Christmas, the Canadian hospital ship Lady Nelson arrived here today. The men were cheerful as they leaned over the rail of the ship and watched the first snowstorm of the season.

## New Westminster Soldier First Private to Win V.C.



PTE. ERNEST ALVIA "SMOKEY" SMITH, V.C.

LONDON (CP)—Pte. Ernest Alvia (Smokey) Smith of New Westminster, B.C., received the Victoria Cross from the King at a private investiture at Buckingham Palace Monday, it was announced tonight.

Talking about the incident, Smith, who is headed home for Christmas, said, "It was 'a fine job done by a fine group of men, and I was just lucky to be picked out for the award."

He refused to elaborate on the fighting, commenting "It's okay to kill men when you have to but there's no sense talking about it later."

## Bridgehead Held During Advance

OTTAWA (CP)—Private Ernest Alvia (Smokey) Smith, 30, of New Westminster, a Seaford Highlander who was unemployed before joining the army, became the eighth Canadian to win the Victoria Cross of this war for almost single-handedly holding a vital bridgehead in Italy against German tanks, self-propelled guns and infantry defence headquarters announced today.

Twice wounded before the action that won him the Empire's highest award for valor, Smokey has been described as "a one-man army" for his work Oct. 21 in a Savio River operation that was vital to the capture of Cesena and the advance to the Ronco River.

The citation says that at a range of 30 feet Smokey showed "utter contempt" in exposing himself to the enemy and knocked out a Panther tank with a blast from a flat gun.

"Then German infantrymen jumped out the back of the tank and charged him with automatics (automatic rifles) and grenades," it says. "Without hesitation Pte. Smith jumped out on the road and with a tommy-gun at point-blank range killed four Germans and drove the remainder back."

Another Panther opened fire as his companion fell wounded and more enemy infantry closed. "Obtaining some abandoned tommy-gun magazines from a ditch, he steadfastly held his position with his comrade and fighting the enemy with his tommy-gun until they finally gave up and withdrew in disorder."

The citation concludes: "Thus, by the dogged determination, outstanding devotion to duty, and superb gallantry of this private soldier, his comrades were so inspired that the bridgehead was held against all enemy attacks pending the arrival of tanks and anti-tank guns some hours later."

Smokey is the first Canadian Victoria Cross winner of the war below the rank of commissioned officer. He is the sixth Canadian army V.C., and hails from the same town as Maj. John K. Mahony, another V.C. winner.

Smokey had been in action with the Seaford Highlanders throughout their long and tough campaign in Sicily and Italy, with

## Russians Pour Into Slovakia From Hungary

LONDON (CP)—Red Army troops swarmed across Czechoslovak frontier from northeastern Hungary today on a widening front, threatening early collapse of the entire German salient in eastern Slovakia between Poland and Hungary.

Driving down out of the Kecske Mountains, Marshal Rodin Y. Malinovsky's 2nd Ukraine Army units gained up to 12 miles and poured into the broad Bodva and Hernad River valleys leading to Kassa, the enemy's major east Slovak stronghold.

By Monday, Moscow said, one of Malinovsky's columns already was within two miles of the Germans' southern highway escape route out of Kassa. Once it is cut the garrison in Hungarian-annexed Kassa would be able to flee only through the patriot-infested Czechoslovak mountains.

By Russian and German account, the Red Army was closing in on Kassa from three directions.

Russian infantrymen were fighting within 5½ miles of Budapest, but there was no official word of new gains there.

## CRISIS FOR NAZIS

MOSCOW (CP-Reuters)—Observers here today considered that the German front in Czechoslovakia and northeastern Hungary, hurriedly reformed to meet Marshal Malinovsky's flanking push, was now facing a crisis over the whole line protecting the vital Slovak railway junctions of Lucenec and Kosice.

It now remains for a resumption of Gen. Ivan Petrov's westward push from eastern Slovakia to complete the Germans' difficulties and pave the way for a Soviet breakthrough northwards right across the Germans' lines of communications.

As Malinovsky's broad wedge moved farther into eastern Czechoslovakia, German groupings picked to hold Slovakia as a bastion for the defence of Vienna and southeastern Germany were steadily being squeezed out of position and confronted with the prospect of being "squeezed" into a headlong retreat.

## Expect Decision On Tram Wages

VANCOUVER (CP)—Charles Stewart, business agent for the Street Railwaymen's Union, said today the union was informed by telephone Saturday that a National War Labor Board decision on the union's wage appeal was expected by the end of this month.

The notification came prior to a mass meeting which decided to hold a referendum Friday on whether the employees in Victoria, Vancouver and New Westminster would strike Jan. 6 if the Labor Board decision is not issued by Jan. 4.

## Bitter Fighting in Holland



Using every available bit of cover, British soldiers fight it out with Nazi snipers. These troops are from the British 2nd Army and are seen making their way down a street in Blerick, on the Maas River.

## Germans Backed By V-Weapon Not Yet Identified

By EDWARD KENNEDY

PARIS (AP)—U.S. troops and tanks struck back today at the German armor-powered counter-offensive that had cut 20 miles into Belgium, while to the north 1st Army patrols crossed the Roer River barrier into Duren.

U.S. blows to stabilize the front were thrown in as the bold German push probed into Belgium and Luxembourg on a 60-mile front.

The 1st Army maintained pressure on the Cologne front despite the menacing counteroffensive. Just before noon Monday U.S. patrols crossed the formidable Roer River and pushed into Duren, stronghold city 20 miles from Cologne.

Supreme headquarters imposed security silence on the powerful German counteroffensive, but 1st Army dispatch said one German tank thrust south of Monschau "had some success in a frontal push" with the Germans being contained on some sectors.

(In the British House of Commons Monday, Prime Minister Churchill said the news blackout on the Western Front was at the behest of Gen. Eisenhower.)

Allied and German planes struck powerfully again along the battlelines. Allied fighters and fighter-bombers knocked out 25 tanks in the enemy column and numerous motor vehicles, adding to the toll of 112 armored vehicles destroyed or damaged Monday.

## Attack, Flanking Threat to Aachen

The Germans were striking from north of Monschau, to near Echternach. The deep plunge into Belgium carried a broad flanking threat to Aachen.

The German onslaught was powered by massed reserves and supported by a new vengeance weapon of an undisclosed type. Supreme headquarters was silent on details of the battle.

But the Germans at one point were 20 miles or more inside Belgium, and 25 miles south and slightly west of Aachen. An air report told of British Typhoons shooting up Nazi armored vehicles "west of Stavelot," which lies 18 airline miles and nearly 22 by road from the German border.

The 1st Army line had been wedged back 15 miles, or more at this point. The enemy assault pushing in at Stavelot may have been launched from somewhere west of the Reich border itself.

The 1st Army patrols sent into Duren felt put one of the main strongholds on the Cologne plain. The Germans had pulled back to the east bank of the Roer on a broad front north and south of Duren after weeks of long costly battle.

Heavy German artillery fire fell on the U.S. 1st and 9th Army fronts. Ninth Army men in the

Linnich area north of Duren mopped up the towns of Wurm and Mullendorf.

## Skirmishing Only On Canadian Front

Skirmishing was the only activity reported from the British-Canadian sector in Holland.

Along the southern sector of the long western front, the U.S. 7th Army hacked at stubborn German resistance along a line running 20 miles northwest from the Rhine. German artillery was extremely active. West of Biltche 7th Army men battled to overcome two holdout Maginot forts. Two towns were taken in a two-mile gain northwest of Wissembourg.

Further west the 3rd Army mopped up all but the factory district of Dillingen, cleaned up strongpoints in Roden, suburb of Saarbrücken. Small gains were scored east and northeast of Sarreguemines.

The crucial battle was centred on the 1st Army sector of the fierce German lash-out, and fighting was heavy and costly.

The news blackout was 24 hours old—hours in which much could have happened. The Germans had swept to Stavelot in a day and a half.

"This was the second time that news silence had been imposed over an Allied reverse. The first was at Arnhem."

## Berlin Says Hitler Planned Recoil

Berlin said Hitler himself had planned this recoil drive.

(Berlin dispatches to Bern declared the counteroffensive was designed to retake Aachen and expel Allied forces from Nazi soil.)

Stavelot is but 24 miles from the fortress city of Liege, and 4½ miles southwest of Malmédy. The situation at Malmédy or other towns in line of the drive was shrouded in silence.

The circumstances hardly call for easy optimism, but maps show the Germans might possibly be headed for more trouble than they bargained for.

Their "risk-all" drive could, by a deep wedge, threaten lateral communications between the Allied northern and central fronts. But on the other hand, the Germans are pushing into a pocket of their own making—a hazard so obvious that Field Marshal von Rundstedt or perhaps even Hitler must have weighed the danger long before committing the German forces in such strength.

Against this latest bid for a bargained peace, Allied airpower again may tip the scales, as it did at Avranches and in the Falaise Gap.

## Bracken Won't Run Against McNaughton

OTTAWA (CP)—Recent reports that John Bracken, Progressive Conservative national leader, was considering running against Defence Minister McNaughton in the North Grey, Ont., federal by-election, Feb. 5, were without foundation, it was learned this afternoon.

Mayor Garfield Case of Owen Sound, Ont., chosen Progressive Conservative standard-bearer, had told a reporter in Owen Sound he had heard such rumors but said he doubted if there was anything in them.

## Britain, Ethiopia Sign Agreement

LONDON (CP)—An agreement between Great Britain and Ethiopia was signed today in Addis Ababa.

A Foreign Office spokesman said Foreign Secretary Eden probably would make a statement on the subject in the House of Commons tomorrow.

Meanwhile there was no information of details of the agreement available in London.



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24,000 Jap-Enslaved Whites  
Literally 'Worked to Death'

LONDON (CP)—The War Office asserted today the Japanese had worked more than 60,000 white captives under such brutal and inhuman conditions that 24,000 of them had died.

The Japanese themselves have erected a memorial to 25,000 men who died in building the Thailand-Burma railway and road, the War Office said. Of the 25,000 men, the War Office reported, fewer than 1,000 were Japanese and the remainder were British, Australians and Dutch.

In an urge for speed, the Japanese disregarded completely "the cost of human life," the War Office said. Sick prisoners were even carried to work on stretchers. Severe beatings were administered to officers and men, the statement said, and there were also cases "of torture and killing."

The statement supplemented an oral report to the Commons by Sir James Grigg, War Secretary, who said the Japanese used

at least 60,000 white prisoners "regardless of conditions under which the prisoners worked and of the cost in human life."

## MAY BE HIGHER

"The figure is probably much higher," he added.

Sir James said "the great majority were from the United Kingdom or Australia. In addition many thousands of Asiatics were used and the death rate among them was almost certainly much heavier than amongst white men."

Sir James reported conditions improved "somewhat" after completion of the railroad in October, 1943, but he said: "I should make it clear to the House these conditions are far below anything which would be regarded as reasonable for our prisoners of war in Europe."

"Many have, however, adapted themselves and become to some extent inured to these lower standards, while many of the

conditions which caused such heavy sick and death rates in jungle camps did not obtain in rear camps to which the men were withdrawn."

All the prisoners traveled from Singapore to Thailand in metal cattle trucks so crowded that the men could not lie down for five days and nights, and were forced to sleep leaning against piles of equipment or against one another, the War Office said.

They were forced to march 50 miles through disease-ridden jungles, so thirsty they drank from muddy puddles, the statement said, and so exhausted they fell to the water-logged ground at the end of each march, wrapping their heads in anything they could find as protection against the mosquitoes.

The prisoners were forced to work if they could move at all. They were required to move one and a half cubic yards of earth and rock a day—a task sometimes requiring 15 hours' labor. Worn-out clothes were not replaced and some men were reduced to going naked or were clad only in a loincloth.

The War Office said the prisoners' rations sometimes included

Superforts Return  
To Jap Mainland;  
Kyushu Pounded

WASHINGTON (AP)—China-based Superfortresses bombed the Japanese mainland today, less than 24 hours after their attack on Hankow, China.

The latest attack was carried out in medium force against industrial targets on Kyushu, one of the main islands of the Japanese homeland, the War Department announced.

The term "medium force" indicated that up to 40 B29s participated in the attack.

The planes were from Maj. Gen. Curtis Lemay's 20th Bomber Command.

Some 200 of the big planes pounded Hankow, communications and supply centre in conquered China, and the giant Hsuehoki aircraft plant at

meat, but "the quantities can be judged from the fact that one pig was supposed to provide for 1,200 men."

Nagoya Monday. Nagoya is located on Honshu, the principal Japanese home island.

Large fires were observed at this biggest Japanese aircraft centre, and "good" bombing results were recorded for the Hankow smash.

All planes returned from both attacks.

Allied Troops  
30 Miles From Akyab

KANDY, Ceylon (AP)—Allied vanguards on the west Burma coast are more than 20 miles southeast of Maungdaw in the advance on the important base of Akyab, now less than 30 miles away, a Southeast Asia communiqué disclosed tonight.

Meanwhile in north Burma little more than 80 miles of road, damaged but at one time usable by motor, separated two Chinese forces steadily approaching one another from Burma and western China.

When these two armies meet, the first land route to China since 1942 will be opened, although supply convoys may not roll from India to China until several months later.

Highest Spirit  
Still Needed For  
Victory—Coleman

MONTREAL — D. C. Coleman, chairman and president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in his year-end message to all officers and employees of the company,

says: "The year now closing has been one of victory. The forces of the United Nations have driven the enemy back on every front during all of 1944 our aggressive foes are beaten to their knees, but are not yet ready to surrender and to face the just retribution which their crimes warrant."

"We enter a New Year facing the task of making victory complete. We cannot afford to relax our efforts at any single point or in any respect. Our forces in the field have toiled and suffered greatly. They still face a brutal and stubborn enemy and hard and bitter fighting."

"During the year which has ended, those of us called to less glorious, but still vital, service in the cause of liberty, have done our best to support the efforts of those engaged in active war service. We have toiled to provide them with their supplies of food, equipment and ammunition."

## UNREMITTING EFFORTS

"Our single object now should be to carry that work to a scheduled conclusion. That means close attention and unremitting effort. It means the maintenance of the highest spirit, the sacrifice of ease and comfort, and steadfast faithfulness. Because you have shown these qualities in the trying years which are past, I know you will maintain your record of performance to the end of the great ordeal."

"To those, only too many, whose homes have been visited by the tragic sacrifice of war, I offer my deepest sympathy and gratitude."

"To all who have so faithfully served the company, and through it the nation and humanity, I offer my warmest thanks, and those of the directors and shareholders."

"To officers and employees, and to their families, I send best wishes for health and happiness, with a hope that the year on which we enter will make victory final and complete."

Spain Morally  
Occupied By Nazis

LONDON (CP)—Lord Templewood, who resigned Dec. 17 as British ambassador to Spain, asserted in the House of Lords today that Spain was "morally occupied" by the Germans during the first part of his five-year stay at Madrid.

Reviewing his Spanish experiences in his maiden speech to the House of Lords, Lord Templewood, who went to Madrid five years ago as Sir Samuel Hoare, instructed to keep Spain neutral if possible, said that "although Spain was not militarily occupied in those early years of the war, Spain was morally occupied."

"I have many instances in my own experience of this kind of non-military occupation. I had Gestapo living in the next house looking over the wall between me and them, watching every movement I made."

"I saw again what was more sinister. From time to time the Gestapo would seize some man or woman in Spanish territory and take them over the frontier to their death or torture in Germany or one of the occupied countries."

The former ambassador declared: "I had a conviction this German influence—this terrible German peril—was leaving behind it corruption, bitter hatreds and vendettas and was steadily undermining all moral standards of life into which it instilled its poison."

U.B.C. Woman Graduate  
On Conciliation Board

TORONTO (CP)—First woman in Canada to sit on a board of conciliation—Miss Idele Wilson of Toronto—started today to represent "labor's interests" at a hearing here.

Miss Wilson was nominated by 4,000 employees—male and female—of the Dominion Industries plant at Ajax a short time ago, to represent them on the board of conciliation. The government accordingly made the appointment.

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became a research worker on the British Columbia Economic Council and went to the staff of the industrial relations sections at Queen's University, Kingston.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attend the regular L.P.P. meeting, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m., downstairs hall, 1110 Broad St. Delegates' reports from the provincial convention of the Labor Progressive Party. Everyone welcome.

Boilermakers' Local, No. 2, Christmas dance, Tuesday, Dec. 19, Crystal Garden; Len Acres' Orchestra; \$1 per couple. Everyone welcome.

British Banties open except Christmas and Boxing Days. Quantities good clothing awaiting workers to ship to bomb victims. Need help at desk, unpacking, mending, cleaning shoes. All voluntary workers. If you can spare some time, come to comfortable rooms, Weller Building, Gordon St.

Gyro Christmas Bazaar—Winners: 1st, No. 3393, Stanley Haynes; 2nd, 606, William Clark; 3rd, 2181, Joan Morgan; 4th, 3651, D. Turner; 5th, 3895, L. Brothers; 6th, 2132, R. Whittington; 7th, 2518, D. Walter; 8th, 2413, G. Newstead; 9th, 3423, W. H. Ward; 10th, 4491, B. Knop; 11th, 2311, A. Messerschmidt; 12th, 1307, A. Hayward; 13th, 3883, F. Wilkinson; 14th, 3371, W. Skilings; 15th, 2416, G. Newstead.

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<b>Picnics</b> Tenderized Shoulders	lb. 24c
<b>Hams</b> Boneless, Tenderized	lb. 53c

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#### TIME TO KEEP CALM

NOW THAT THE RADIO COMMENTATORS, professional and amateur alike, have summed up the German counter-offensive on the western front to their own satisfaction—despite the official news blackout—those of us who claim no access to the "inside track" will try to rest our souls in patience and leave the matter in the hands of General Eisenhower. When the Allied supreme commander is ready to present his report of these latest developments to the public it is not unlikely that some of the "great victories" with which Nazi broadcasters are regaling the German people will have suffered considerable dilution. This is not to argue that Field Marshal von Rundstedt's ambitious adventure should be regarded as a mere flash in the pan; on the contrary, it may yet assume proportions that could conceivably upset some of the best plans which General Eisenhower had so carefully laid. But extreme caution should be the keynote of all who feel inclined to speculate in the absence of anything more reliable than boasts from enemy sources.

What the Nazi counter-offensive should emphasize is the fact that the German armies facing the Allies on the western front are led by expert military leaders and have still a good deal of fight left. Field Marshal von Rundstedt, indeed, has effectively answered all those who have felt that the Battle for the Rhine was drawing to a conclusion. There are, of course, numerous encouraging factors which should prevent undue pessimism. General Eisenhower has an imposing preponderance in men, machines, and equipment of all kinds. And even if atrocious climatic conditions often oblige him to keep his dominating fighting air arm out of action at times, the incessant bombing of German industry and German communications must, in the long run, have a profound bearing on the enemy's capacity to maintain the present offensive or to launch new ones elsewhere on this 450-mile front. Nor should it be forgotten that Allied progress at the moment being made on parts of it remote from the confusion in Luxembourg and Belgian territory is bound to influence the new operations sooner or later.

#### AN EXCELLENT CHOICE

Few appointments made by the King government in recent years have been more popular than that which elevates Mr. Lester B. Pearson to the important post of Canadian ambassador to the United States. He will succeed Hon. Leighton McCarthy, now 75, who feels the time has come when personal and family reasons oblige him to retire and take matters a little easier. The ex-ambassador, however, will return to this country with the knowledge that he has served the Dominion faithfully and admirably in Washington. Although with three years to spare before he reaches the half-century mark, Mr. Pearson—nicknamed "Mike" while flying with the R.A.F. in the first Great War—has won a fine reputation for himself since the late Dr. D. O. Skelton introduced him to the Canadian diplomatic service in 1928. His brilliant scholastic career at Toronto University, where he lectured in modern history, and at Oxford had provided him with an extremely valuable background for his wider activities. For more than a year, in his role as Canadian minister in the United States capital, a good deal of the onerous duties of the embassy had come more intimately within the purview of Mr. McCarthy's chief lieutenant, and anyone who has seen Mr. Pearson in action at the fine old mansion on Massachusetts Avenue, with its internal decorum befitting Canadian importance and dignity, understands his enviable capacity for making friends and influencing people—and his utter loathing of red tape.

As chairman of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration conference in Montreal last September, and as head of the United Nations commission on food and agriculture since its first meeting in 1943, the new ambassador to the United States will have ample opportunity to further "his devotion to the humanitarian works"—to use Mr. King's expression—of such agencies as UNRRA. Mr. Pearson's appointment, moreover, will be warmly welcomed by the diplomatic corps, and none the less by the newspaper fraternity, whose members value highly his friendly and approachable manner.

#### FRANCO-RUSSIAN PACT

WHEN GENERAL DE GAULLE SIGNED the new Franco-Soviet treaty of mutual assistance and security in Moscow last week, he accomplished perhaps the most brilliant act of his short political career. His signature did much to restore France to her former place among world powers, to take her government out of the "provisional" class, and to enhance his own position and international prestige. But the international importance of this alliance has diverted attention from its potentially equal importance within France, where it gives promise of continued political stability and orderly recovery. Thus far General de Gaulle's personal strength and popularity have helped to pre-

vent the tragic civil disturbances that have followed liberation of other occupied countries in Europe. But these qualities could not guarantee that such disturbances would not occur. Underlying the bitter feeling between patriots and collaborationists in the liberated countries, there has been a lesser but still noticeable resentment by patriots toward fellow countrymen who escaped the German occupation. This has extended to heads and officials of government, even those who may have been more useful in the comparative safety of England or Africa or North America.

Soviet Russia saw the fruits of a similar resentment 20 years ago in the split between Stalin and Trotsky. It was not the only cause of the split, or even the chief one. But men like Stalin and Molotov could not forget that between the 1905 uprising and the 1917 revolution they had worked inside Russia, living a life of suffering and constant danger of imprisonment and Siberian exile, while Trotsky and his circle lived and worked abroad, and in comfort. Some European patriots feel the same way today. They had their choice and they chose not to escape or collaborate, but to fight the enemy at the risk of death and torture. Thus they feel that they have earned the right to the dominant voice in their present and postwar governments.

This feeling was particularly strong in pre-invasion France, even though it did not break out in violence, as in Belgium and Greece. And in France as elsewhere, Communists have had a strong voice in these militant groups. They are not necessarily in the majority, and their motives may be spotted less patriotic. But with their noted genius for organization, the Communists are considerably in evidence. Now General de Gaulle is far from being a Communist, and it is most unlikely that this new treaty will change his views. But the treaty and the atmosphere of reciprocal regard in which it was conducted should have a conciliatory effect on French Communists, especially those within the F.F.I. It remains to be seen how this treaty will affect the general plan for a United Nations peace-enforcing organization. The immediate prospect, however, is one of benefit to France and to the vigorous prosecution of the war against Germany. It is safeguarded, too, by provisions similar to those written into the Anglo-Russian 20-year pact.

#### AFTER BUDAPEST

WHEN BUDAPEST FALLS TO THE Russians, thus finishing Hungary as an ally of Hitler, it will be important in its relation to the Russian line of supplies and the link it forms with the Yugoslav forces under Marshal Tito. The Russians already have reached the southwestern foot of Lake Balaton, which is 100 miles south of Budapest and 185 miles northeast of Trieste, along a line which roughly constitutes the front of Tito's forces. The Yugoslav leader threatens both Trieste and the Adriatic, and thus the line from Budapest to the Adriatic is rapidly consolidating.

Field Marshal Kesselring's line through Bologna is being held tenaciously, but the recent crossing of the Lamone by the Canadian division of the famous British 8th army indicates that Bologna is no longer safe. Field Marshal Alexander had planned Kesselring down by eating away at his front in sufficient force to make it impossible to withdraw without risking a real break through. Meantime the line from Trieste to Budapest has been slowly crystallizing. The fall of Budapest is therefore something more than a mere smashing open of the gate to Vienna 125 miles further west. It threatens the rear of any forces trying to hold the Brenner Pass which would be the only line of retreat for the Wehrmacht's units in Italy. In the next week or two, if the weather is not too terrible, there may be a real withdrawal on the Italian front to escape the pressure looming from the northeast.

The Russians have as far as to go Vienna as Kesselring is from the Brenner Pass. From the Brenner to Munich is about 125 miles, so that the Nazi commander has the shortest route to cover in withdrawing, but he will be cramped for space, and give opportunity for bombers to work havoc on his retreating army. It is this problem which will be bothering Kesselring. His withdrawal will have to be timed strictly in accordance with the Russian advance and the pressure exerted by the Allied leader makes such timing extremely speculative.

#### A VICTORIAN PROPHECY

HIGH OVER THE FENCE LEAPS SONNY Jim, Force is the food that raises him," was a couplet which at the end of the Victorian era advertised the birth of a long line of breakfast foods. Looking backward it was also a prophecy. For Sonny Jim, the ridiculous creation of a famed cartoonist, was depicted as leaping lightly over an impossibly high barrier after having partaken of the breakfast food. He was filled with vim and vigor.

The United States, having provided the world with a spectacular demonstration of what massed production can perform under the stress of force, is now about to demonstrate how high over the fence of tariffs—which it has long maintained—it can leap towards world trade. Being up-to-date in its methods, it will probably tear the fence down with a bulldozer, that modern epitome of force. But force is undoubtedly the inspiration of the new policy. If it had not been for Hitler's use of force for his own purposes of world domination, the United States would not have been forced to revise its entire conception of world trade.

Fascists are superior feeling people who, if they had the power, would force others to adopt their scheme of things—whether economic, social or religious.

#### Bruce Hutchison

##### TOO BIG FOR SANTA CLAUS

NOT ONLY AT this Christmas season but all through the year every political party in America carries a Christmas tree, and every politician is equipped with false white whiskers to make him look like Santa Claus. This renders politics mighty pleasant, with the continual expectations and excitement of Christmas Eve, and the voter is like a child waiting to open the laden stocking on the mantel shelf.

It is always bad manners to question the validity and the boundless capacity of Santa Claus, but there comes a time in your life when you have to do it. That time is when you start to pay the Christmas bills. Knowing how unpopular the idea will be, I venture to suggest that the time has arrived.

Mr. Roosevelt promises 60,000,000 jobs for Americans—without any clear idea of how he is going to provide them. Mr. Churchill has his White Paper, which is supposed to be a fee simple covering a more abundant life for all. Mr. King promises full employment. Mr. Bracken, after some hesitation, has come out boldly and declared he is against depressions. Mr. Coldwell and his friends, having never run anything, propose to run everything with such efficiency that we shall all be rich. And dozens of lesser prophets each have a secret invention to assure prosperity.

THIS IS ALL fine. It must be a stupid man who cannot see that, in a world of untouched resources and the machines to tap them, we can all have a reasonable standard of living—if we have the sense to create it. But it must be a very stupid man indeed who cannot see the litter that we must clear away before we can go to work at all. The politicians ignore this litter, or dismiss it with a catchword and this, I humbly suggest, is highly dangerous.

It is dangerous because it is going to cause bitter disillusionment in the next few years, and disillusionment can lead to fatal mistakes. It would be better, surely, if we sat down quietly and observed the rank underbrush, the big stumps and the crumbling walls that cover the site of our new house, before we start to build it. For all this litter must be cleared away before we can even begin construction. The site of our house is the world, all of it, from which we cannot insulate ourselves. The world, yes, and look at it. It is living today on war. Its people are working for destruction, as they have to. Its trade is dislocated. Its best men are soldiers. A great part of its machinery, homes and transportation has been destroyed. Somehow this vast machine of war must be converted to peace.

It can be done, and doubtless will be done. But it is plain madness for anyone—capitalist, socialist, social creditor, technocrat or whatnot—to say that it can be done painlessly. Whatever happens, however well we manage, and whatever form of government we employ, there is going to be a difficult time of readjustment, some kind of slump and a period of unemployment. Nothing under heaven can prevent it. At the moment it is not only bad politics and bad taste to say such a thing; it is to mark oneself as an incorrigible reactionary. In the current process of reasoning a man who warns you against stepping off a cliff is accused of misleading you for his own purposes, and probably also of creating the cliff in the first place.

SO DEEPLY grounded is the theory of Christmas-tree economics that a large part of our population seems to have swallowed it without serious question. There are thousands of shipyard workers a mile or two from where this is written and they are being paid high wages, more than they were ever paid before, more than they are likely to be paid again. You would think these men and women would be saving their money because shipbuilding obviously is going to decline after the war. In fact, most of them are saving little or nothing. They are spending all they can get, just as millions of Americans, bloated by an unprecedented boom (which is technically known as the hardships of war) are cramming the stores by day and making the night of American cities hideous with their celebrations.

And why not? They are told by all the responsible statesmen that the Christmas-party goes on forever, that Santa Claus bag is inexhaustible, that we have found a new and automatic secret of prosperity. Hoover had found it, of course, and Coolidge, and they produced the crash of 1929; but this time, we are told, it is different. This is the real thing, a brand new and revolutionary discovery, underwritten by the state, with an iron-clad guarantee, goods returnable if not satisfactory.

A thousand economic fallacies could be identified in this confusion of forces, but let them go and consider one simple fact: We can have no prosperity at all unless we can have peace. We cannot begin to build a new world until we have built a peace that will endure. And surely what is happening in Europe today—liberated Europe, not to speak of Germany—must persuade any reasonable man that it will require all our wisdom to make such a peace—and very great sacrifices as well.

A highly developed nation like our own with demonstrated capacity for providing a standard of living for all of the people far higher than anything we have ever known can well afford to provide a national minimum income, education, health, and old-age security for all of the population. It cannot afford to do less—Marriner S. Eccles, chairman United States Federal Reserve Board.

True peace will not be achieved until there is a rebirth of sound ideological and spiritual values. Its pace cannot be forced. —President Eduard Benes of Czechoslovakia.

#### Letters to the Editor

##### WORKED WELL

For three years in succession the University Women's Club has sponsored a school board candidate in Greater Victoria; in each case the candidate has been successful.

In 1942 we sponsored Mrs. Harold Beckwith for the Oak Bay Board. In 1943 Miss Isla Tuck in the municipality of Victoria and in 1944 Mrs. Herbert Booth in Victoria.

Our sole aim has been to seek out persons who were well qualified to stand for this important office and give them our support. We have not dictated any educational policy; those whom we have sponsored are free to act on the board as they think fit. This year the Business and Professional Women's Club joined with us in supporting Mrs. Booth. We believe that it is a wholesome sign when nonpolitical organizations take an active interest in the civic elections.

(MISS) HELEN HART, Pres. University Women's Club, 1513 Laurel Lane, Dec. 15.

##### ELECTIONS IN OAK BAY

The attendance of about 10 times the usual number of Oak Bay residents and taxpayers at the High School last Wednesday night to hear the "council's" report for the year, is the best thing that has happened in years for the political health of this district.

If this revived interest is followed by election contests each year for reeve and councillors and school board, the wishes of the majority of the property owners and taxpayers in Oak Bay have a chance to become known and carried out.

Election by acclamation has become more the rule than the exception in this and other districts, indicating lack of public interest, so that eventually contact is lost with majority opinion, and rule by executive decree takes the place of the democratic principles of ascertaining and carrying out the wishes of the majority of the people, and acting in response to public demand.

W. M. CARMICHAEL, 1256 St. Denis Street, Oak Bay.

##### EVOLUTION CONTINUOUS

Darwin's letter to Mr. Wallace's father affords the Dean no support. In the 19th century men erroneously assumed the existence of a gap between the atom (matter) and the cell (life) that could only be explained by assuming either creation by outside agency or spontaneous generation. Darwin's researches indicated no breaks in evolution and so with great prescience he declined to support any such assumptions and indicated his belief that time would justify his "principle of continuity."

The crystal has now done so for it is crystalline in form, and crystals are classified as "not living," and yet it has powers of growing and multiplying, which is the essential characteristic of "living." The Dean in talking of "dead matter" and a "gap" was guilty of the error which Darwin negated, and without the justification of Darwin's contemporaries, for today scientists find matter very much alive and no gap whatever. I note also that Professor Thompson states that "there is no warrant for postulating any mysterious vital force."

If the Dean was aware, as has long been a conviction among anthropologists, and as precipitin blood tests now confirm of our near relationship to the great apes but not to the monkeys, why does he refer to monkeys instead of the anthropoids? This is an evasion of the biologists' claim and the misleading substitution of one which nobody ever made. His methods and matter lay him open to the criticism which Huxley, when called upon by my great uncle to reply to Bishop Wilberforce, administrator to clerics "who plunge into scientific questions about which they know nothing."

A. B. SANDERS, 804 Foul Bay Road, Dec. 17.

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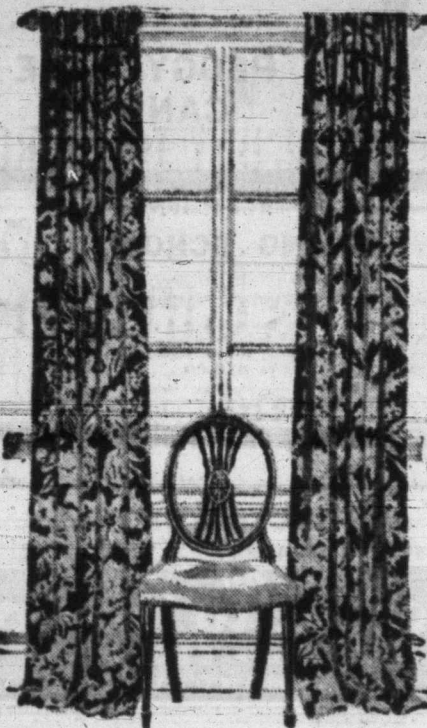
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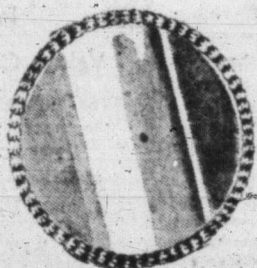
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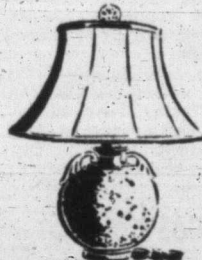
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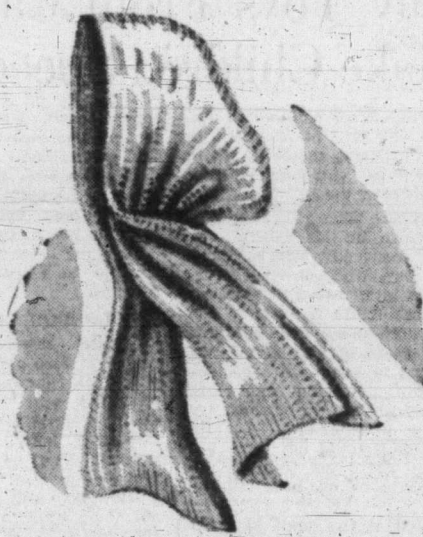
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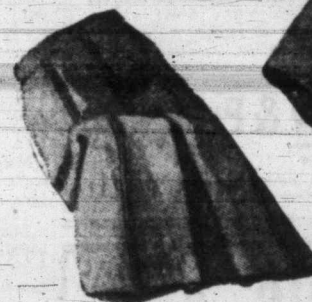
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**Mothers and Children To Arrive Wednesday**  
VANCOUVER (CP)—Twenty-six young children of Canadian servicemen overseas will arrive here Wednesday with their mothers bound for their new homes in British Columbia.

The new families arriving include:  
Mrs. Barbara Alton, wife of Tpr. C. Alton, with Mary, going to Victoria;  
Mrs. Maud Gariepy, wife of Rte. W. E. Gariepy, with Robert, going to Victoria;  
Mrs. Jane Grant, wife of Capt. K. D. Grant, with Patricia and Peter, going to Oak Bay, Victoria;  
Mrs. Joyce Wilson, wife of Sgt. C. A. Wilson, with Patricia and Malcolm, going to Victoria;  
Mrs. Mariel Wyatt, wife of Lieut. A. R. C. Wyatt, with Celia, going to Victoria.

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## Personals

Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. W. C. Woodward left Government House this afternoon to spend Christmas at their Vancouver home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Guest and Mrs. L. C. Guest of Duncan are visiting at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. John Harvey of Kentville, N.S., is visiting at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Welch of Qualicum Beach are at the Empress Hotel.

Miss Violet Carlson is at the Strathcona Hotel from Wellington, V.I.

Lieut. and Mrs. D. F. Miller of Vancouver are staying at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams of Westmount, Que., are visiting at the Empress Hotel.

Sgt. and Mrs. L. W. Serenian of Edmonton are visiting at the Empress Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Lidstone of Vancouver are visiting at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Abernethy and their daughter Diane will go to Vancouver at the weekend to spend Christmas, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Abernethy.

Miss Ruth MacLean, private secretary to Mrs. W. C. Woodward, left today to spend Christmas in Vancouver with her mother, Mrs. E. W. MacLean.

Lieut. (E) Royce Rich, R.C.N.V.R., and Mrs. Rich, Minto Street, with their small son, have arrived in Vancouver to spend Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. John M. Macleod.

Capt. Kenneth Macken will go to Vancouver this week to join Mrs. Macken for Christmas, which they will spend with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John McMillan Jr.

Mrs. Judd Whittall, who has been visiting her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whittall in Vancouver, arrived in Victoria this morning to join her husband. They will go to Comox where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Whittall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pilbreg.

Among the Vancouver visitors who will come to Victoria to spend Christmas at the Empress are Mrs. E. T. Jones with Michael Carmichael, Mrs. Hugh Russell with Peter, Keary and Finley, and Mrs. Jack Norris with Nancy and Mac.

In honor of Miss Mary Stephenson, a December bride-elect, a miscellaneous shower was held in the dining-room of the Sooko Hall. Hostesses were Mesdames J. Arden, K. Cairns, S. Jones, J. Myers, R. Baker and the Misses Norma Stoth, Eleanor Stoth and Edna Pontious. During the evening Miss Elaine Shields sang "Always" and "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Joyce Conder.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith went to Vancouver Sunday to attend the wedding there, Monday, of their son, Paul, to Miss Joan Hamilton. They were accompanied by their daughter, Brenda, and son, Peter. Miss Barbara Smith, who is attending the University of British Columbia, was present, also Miss Anne Stewart of Victoria. Other out-of-town guests were Mr. Charles Holton and Mr. Drennan Holton of Revelstoke; Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Dixon of New Westminster.

**Esquimalt Schools Concert Wednesday**

Christmas carols of different countries will be presented by the girls' choirs of Esquimalt schools in the Lamson Street School auditorium, Wednesday night at 8.

The choirs will be under direction of Mrs. Ralph Simpson and the schools' band under Ernest Willoughby. Nature and origin of the carols will be explained during presentation of the program. The audience will participate in the singing of well-known carols. Band arrangement of carols to be sung were written by Mr. Willoughby. "O Come All Ye Faithful" will include "The World Has Waited Long," "The First Nowell" and "Russian Children."

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## Christmas Day Anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ridout who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Christmas Day with a Boxing Day reception at the home of their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Pendray, 3850 Saanich Road, Guests will be received from 2 to 6. Mr. and Mrs. Ridout were married in Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wimborne, Dorset, England, Dec. 25, 1894, by Rev. Crawshaw. They lived in London until coming to reside in Victoria in 1910. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Ridout includes Mrs. A. T. G. Smilie of Vancouver, Mrs. C. H. Pendray, E. A. Ridout, and Cecil Ridout, all of Victoria, and nine grandchildren.

## Arctic Scene At Snow Ball

Icebergs and igloos will decorate the stage of the Empress Hotel ballroom for the annual Snow Ball, Boxing Day, sponsored by the Solarium Junior League, for which members made final plans at their meeting Monday evening.

Two penguins will complete the platform decorations and walls will be decked with cedar boughs with blue lights adding to the winter scene. Mrs. D. H. Miller, convenor, said H.M.C.S. Givensy "Hay-balers," with Malvina, radio singing star, will be featured in novelty musical numbers during the floor show. Committee members are Mrs. H. MacKenzie, Mrs. H. V. Bassett, Mrs. J. Scaplen.

Miss Pat Pendray reported \$1,500, realized from three performances of the Christmas pantomime, "Robinson Crusoe and His Maiden Aunt."

Annual white elephant sale which usually takes place at the league's first meeting in January will take the form of a party for members this year to be held Jan. 3 at the home of Mrs. Ian McCallum. Her committee members are Mrs. H. McChung, Miss Mildred Jones, Miss Marlene Hutcheon.

Mrs. McCallum said 50 members and friends had decorated wards and trimmed trees at the Solarium, Dec. 10. Nativity scene reproduced in one of the wards has received favorable comments from patients and nurses.

Miss Cora Wharton, president, welcomed Mrs. M. Drinkwater, a new member.

## Gay Toys From Canada Make Children Speechless

Hundreds of children in England will have at least one toy this Christmas, thanks to the untiring and year-long work of members of the B.C. Toy Club.

Pleasure these gifts have given is shown in this excerpt of a letter received by Mrs. K. Hunter, Oak Bay, who conveyed a case of 311 toys, valued at \$350, sent to Pocklington, Yorkshire.

"Somewhere our little ones after four years of this awful war, seemed to know there could be no toys. Nothing from Father Christmas, and poor babies, they cannot understand it. Father Christmas could not come until Daddy got home from fighting the Germans' one little mite told me.

"Well, if you could have seen their faces when they were given their dollies, or a lamb, or a scrap book. We told them Father Christmas had sent them from Canada and next year he would come himself. I cannot describe the joy and pleasure your gifts have given. Some of the children were speechless, much to their mother's dismay, and could not say anything, only hug it for fear you took it back."

Many of these toys were distributed to Polish and French refugees.

## FOR LONDON CHILDREN

Another case of 412 toys valued at \$500 and conveyed by Mrs. C. D. Neroutsos, Joan Crescent, was sent to the London County Council, where they were exhibited before being distributed. Part of the letter of gratitude follows:

"How on earth you good folk out there could have made or collected such a quantity and variety of good things is beyond comprehension. . . I am sure you would feel amply repaid for all your work and loving thoughts if you could see how much the children themselves and the teachers—appreciate having such lovely toys and useful presents, especially at this time."

Letters were received from the mayor and sheriff's wife at Hull, acknowledging the case containing 405 articles, value \$150, sent there under the conveyance of Miss Meta Hodge.

W. A. McAdam, agent-general for British Columbia in London and formerly of Victoria, wrote to Mrs. C. Flight, Blenkinsop Road, president of the Toy Club, on the receipt in London of the toys which was displayed in the window of David Spencer's, Ltd., before shipping.

The cases were sent to Lady Astor at Plymouth, who arranged for the display in several places so as many children as possible might see the circus.

**Engagements**  
Announcements to appear under this heading will be accepted at the Times Advertising Department. Minimum charge \$1.00 for 10 lines and 50¢ for each additional line.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sullivan, 1127 Richardson Street, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Margaret Ruth, sub-lieutenant, W.R.C.N.S., to Eric P. Gaskell, lieutenant, R.C.N.V.R., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Gaskell, Toronto, Ont. The wedding will take place on Dec. 23 in Montreal.

## Wed in Vancouver, To Reside Here

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith will reside at 1306 Yates Street after a honeymoon on Vancouver Island which followed their marriage at noon Monday in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Vancouver.

The bride is the former Jean Margaret Hamilton, daughter of Mrs. Hamilton and the late Dr. James H. Hamilton of Revelstoke, while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Smith of Victoria.

Her mother's ivory satin wedding gown, enriched with duchess lace on the bodice and an old lace veil were worn by the bride, who was given in marriage by her cousin, Drennan Holten. A sheaf of golden chrysanthemums was carried by the bride, while white chrysanthemums were in the shower bouquet of the bridesmaid, Miss Dorothy Ann Meyer, who was frocked in a floor-length model of fuchsia crepe, with gold lame Juliet cap. Nell Swanson was best man.

Rev. D. F. Kemp officiated at the ceremony which was followed by a reception at the home of Mrs. R. T. Meyer for immediate families of the principals.

## Elsie Thompson Wed Monday Evening

Mary Elizabeth (Elsie), only daughter of Capt. and Mrs. W. C. Thompson, 2201 Vancouver Street, exchanged marriage vows Monday evening with Cpl. John Nalrn Bond, R.C.A.F., only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bond, Edmonton. The ceremony took place at the home of Dr. W. G. Wilson, the officiating minister.

A two-piece frock of fuchsia crepe with insets of velvet in the bodice was worn by the bride, who was given away by her father. A small blue feathered hat with blue accessories and a corsage bouquet of gardenias and roses completed her ensemble.

Miss Blanche Galbraith of Vancouver was the bride's only attendant, wearing a grey silk crepe frock with matching model hat trimmed with fuchsia velvet and veil. Her accessories were in tone and her corsage bouquet composed of fuchsia cyclamen and chrysanthemums. L.A.C. Tom Bellamy, R.C.A.F., supported the groom.

A large reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, where Mrs. Thompson was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Bond of Edmonton.

Cpl. and Mrs. Bond will live here after a honeymoon in Vancouver. Taking leave of her guests the bride wore an Albee blue Glenhead suit with dark brown coat and accessories.

## Christmas Parcels For War Prisoners

A good old-fashioned Christmas was held in German prison camps this year, for already 200,000 parcels have arrived at various centres in Germany for distribution to prisoners of war. These are the gift of armed services to their men held by the enemy.

Christmas dinner will have canned chicken on the menu, the traditional plum pudding, as well as maple sugar, to bring a little Canadian atmosphere into the feast. In addition to the food, each parcel contains gifts of toilet articles, bright enamel dishes, cutlery, and there will be lots of cigarettes as well as items from Canadian Red Cross Food Parcels to round out the supplied.

Most of the camps will have Christmas trees, brightly decorated with tinsel, colored papers and metal ornaments, made out of tin containers. If last year's pattern is followed, there will be carol singing, and religious services, while the lighter side will be satisfied by pantomimes and Christmas shows.

Last year most of the camps gave the men three days' holiday and in some cases they were allowed to have guests from other camps. Christmas Day, "Spirits couldn't have been higher," wrote one man. "We had two lovely tinsel-decorated trees complete with candles and our room was a pretty sight with its colored paper chains and hanging lengths made from paper from Red Cross parcels."

It is believed that the number of B.C. men held in German prison camps now number over 400.

## P.-T.A. News

Radio Program—Victoria and District P.T.A. Council will present a discussion on "Modern Schools for a Modern Age," by W. A. Bayliss and Mrs. H. S. Sibbald, Wednesday at 5:30 over CJVL.

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## Clubwomen

Ten children of the Protestant Orphanage were guests of the members of the Stagette club at the Junior Auxiliary to St. Joseph's Hospital Christmas tea held at the Empress Saturday.

This was reported at a meeting of the club at the Orphanage. Sunday members decorated the trees at the Military Hospital. Next meeting will be Jan. 8.

Mrs. H. Keiser was elected president of Craigflower Women's Institute by acclamation, as were Mrs. W. Gouge, vice-president, and Mrs. L. P. Andrews, secretary-treasurer. Elected as directors were Mesdames W. Allen, I. Waring and C. Newberry. Yearly report was given by Mrs. Andrews and tea was served by Mesdames L. Rines, J. Pilgrim and J. Stevenson.

Mrs. J. T. Williams was re-elected president of the Metropolitan W.A. at the annual meeting. Mrs. W. H. Harte was hostess. Reports of the year's activities were given. Other officers elected were, vice-president, Mrs. W. McCulloch; secretary, Mrs. J. E. Runions; treasurer, Miss E. Harte; social convener, Mrs. L. H. Hancock; devotional, Mesdames Pettigrew and Nancarrow; visiting convener, Mesdames W. Nicol and E. N. Batstone. Next meeting, home of Mrs. A. E. Whitehouse.

Christmas meeting of the Pasa Pas was held at the home of Mrs. W. McGregor, with Mrs. D. Gregson presiding in the absence of the president, Mrs. J. Johnson. Mrs. W. G. Wilson gave the devotional on "Canadian Friendship Service." Mrs. Gregson reported on the tea and sale of plaques. Gifts were presented from a gaily decorated Christmas tree. Refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Misses Pearl Barbour, Laura Tebo and Day Dixon. Next meeting will be at the home of Miss Barbour, 30 Howe Street.

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### St. Andrew's Choir Sings 'Bethlehem'

There was a large congregation at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for the presentation by the choir and soloists of Maund's Christmas cantata, "Bethlehem."

The well-balanced choir of 40 voices under the direction of C. C. Warren, was well trained in all the choruses, having a good understanding of the work. This was especially noticeable in portraying the caravan crossing the desert. Other choruses of special note were "Glory to God in the Highest" and the last chorus of Adoration and Praise.

The soloists, all of whom sang with clearness of diction and tone, had a good sense of understanding in portraying the characters they represented. Miss K. Paulin, soprano, took the part of A Little Shepherd Boy; Mr. Stan. Honeychurch, tenor, the Old Shepherd, and as Melchior; A. W. Trevett, baritone, sang the part of Balthasar; Hedley Sampson, bass, sang the part of Gaspar. The lullaby solo, which Mrs. A. W. Stokes was unable to take owing to sickness, was beautifully sung by Miss K. Paulin.

The Rev. J. L. W. McLean, minister of the church, opened and closed the recital with prayer and before the cantata was presented gave a short resume of the work.

### Boatbuilders Hold Christmas Party

Christmas came early to children of Falconer Marine Industries Ltd. employees in the form of a celebration Monday evening in the Boilermakers' Hall. From the attractively-decorated Christmas Tree, Gus Klepp, pinch-hitting for Santa, distributed a wooden toy to each of the 95 children. The playthings were made in the plant by the employees.

Jack Oliver officiated as M.C. and Pierre Timp delighted the gathering with musical nursery rhymes and carols. William Harkness amazed young and old alike with his display of legerdemain and the 200 attending enjoyed joint singing of appropriate Christmas selections.

Ice cream and candy were distributed to the children.

### City Sales Boost Taxable Assessment

Sale of 513 properties by the city lands department this year will yield \$17,348 in taxes next year, Ald. T. W. Hawkins, city lands-committee chairman, reported to the City Council Monday.

During the year 15 improved and 498 unimproved properties had been sold for \$151,819, he said. That revenue, he pointed out, carried with it the additional benefits of increased assessment which totals \$410,405.

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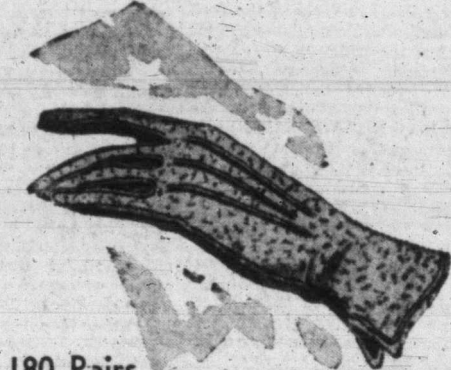
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# Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

**RACING** returns to fabulous Santa Anita track tomorrow for the first time since 1940. The meeting will be climaxed with the running of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap, richest horse race in America, in March. The big track at Arcadia has been under control of the army since being taken over four years ago and the forthcoming meeting promises to be every bit as successful as in past years. The 34-day meeting at Hollywood Park which closed out Saturday set new betting records. The last day saw the fairs pour \$3,290,668 through the machines while the meeting total was \$39,599,276. Featured Hollywood Gold Cup saw Vancouver's noted jockey, Hedley Woodhouse, charge home a winner aboard Happy Issue. Woodhouse, under contract to George Irvine has come up with some mighty smart riding in California and is expected to continue his fine performances at Santa Anita.

**BACK** in Vancouver from attending the minor league meetings in the east, **Bob Brown**, British Columbia's number one baseball promoter, is even more hopeful over the chances of the Western International League operating next summer. "The W.I.L. has a 60-40 chance of resuming operations," Brown said in an interview. Brown disclosed the Coast League clubs are prepared to back the league to the limit and are extremely anxious to see the circuit back in the swim. The Western International directors will meet in Tacoma next month when the final decision will be made. Victoria has made application for a franchise in the league and this matter will be dealt with at the session early in the New Year.

**MAKE-UP** of the Victoria and District Football League after the New Year is indefinite. Understand an attempt to have the Army and Navy clubs amalgamate into one eleven has failed owing to the fact that the Navy want to carry on under their own steam. The troops were forced to cancel out a match two weeks ago owing to their inability to field a team and from reports the situation will not improve any in the near future. It is possible the Army may have to drop from the league. It is to be hoped that **Sandy Spears** and **Ken Elliott** will be able to round up enough players to keep the Army entry in the league. League proxy **Charlie Lewis** told me today he is making an effort to have Nanaimo come here Boxing Day to battle the Victoria All-Stars. With the clever **Uke Grey** and **Fat Edmunds** back in their line-up Nanaimo will present a much strengthened eleven. The All-Stars need one match under their belt before meeting Black Diamond of Seattle here New Year's Day.

**THAT** gang of soccer veterans playing under the colors of the Victoria Machinery Depot came through for yours truly Saturday when they spanked the Victoria West in the benefit match for **Eddie Gibson**. Despite the optimism displayed by my contemporaries down the street I was confident the shipbuilders wouldn't let me down. From now on I am going to be pestered by **Jack McCall**, the club's regular manager, for the secret of that great display of life put on by the old-timers in the dying stages of the match. In previous games the V.M.D. players have always tired badly in the second half. Having found the long-needed elixir I intend to retain it for future use. After all I may be called upon to officiate as a one-match manager again and am not giving away professional secrets.

## Classy Basketball Show

## Gremlins Play Seattle

Big time basketball will return to the sports front tomorrow night when Pat Bay Gremlins battle Northwest League All-Stars of Seattle in the first of two exhibition games at the High School gym, starting at 8. Clubs will take the floor for a repeat performance Thursday evening at the same time. Two preliminary fixtures will be played each night, with the first getting away at 7.

Coming to Victoria under the auspices of the Victoria and District League, the Seattle quintette boasts a line-up of stars. Two of the best-known performers are **Bob Graf**, giant scoring star of the Alpine Dairy outfit, Northwest League champions the last two seasons, and **Murray Buchanan**, leading scorer in the Northwest League the last three seasons.

Complete line-up of the visitors follows:  
**Bob Graf** (6 feet 5 inches)—Scoring star with the strong Alpine Dairy squad and former All-Conference collegiate star.  
**Murray "Slim" Buchanan** (6 feet 8 inches)—Highest point scorer in the Pacific Northwest League for three consecutive seasons.

**Arnie Reid** (6 feet)—Last year with Montana in the Rocky Mountain Conference.  
**Bob Phar** (5 feet 11 inches)—Former All-Northwest Conference star.

**Bob Lea** (5 feet 9 inches)—Former member of the University of Southern California team.  
**Bill Millikan** (5 feet 10 inches)

—Member of the strong Coast Guard quintette.  
**Arnie Ginsburgh** (6 feet)—Member of the Tacoma club in the Pacific Northwest League.

Three game card of league games last night at the High School gym saw Tommy Tuckers defeat Navy 39 to 34 in the feature senior B men's battle; 42nd A.C.K. win from Hillcrest Fuel 39 to 23 and R.C.E.M.E. turn back Douglas Tire 74 to 12.

Forced to take the floor with only six men the Navy put up a game fight against the cafemen, but tired in the final quarter. After Tuckers had moved into an 18 to 4 lead in the first quarter the sailors rallied to tie the score in the third quarter but were unable to hold their opponents in the final period. Duncan paced Tuckers with 18 points.

Teams and scores follow:  
**Hillcrest Fuel**—Bhagat 4, Jagat 14, Harbans 1, Malkit, Arjila, 42nd A.C.K.—Maddess 20, Wozny 29, Butt 2, Currie 2, Swanson, Williams 6.

**Douglas Tire**—Allan 2, Brown 2, Nicholas, G. Barrett, R. Barrett, Hunt 8, Walters, Adams, R.C.E.M.E.—Millburn 2, Welch 12, Long, Brydgen 19, Wozny 20, Maddess 21.

**Navy**—G. Stevens 9, Uttke 11, Leonard 4, Primmer 7, Register, Runge 3.  
**Tommy Tuckers**—Bryant 8, Perkins, Duncan 18, Mitchell 12, Handy 2, Bell 4, Garnet, Patterson 5.

## Canadian Fighter In First-Round Kayo

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—Schoolboy Jerry Berthiaume, Montreal light heavyweight, needed but two minutes and 41 seconds Monday night to snap the knockout victory string run up by Jimmy Fusso of West Warwick, R.I. The Canadian won on a knockout in the opening round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Fusso had won 17 straight bouts by knockouts and the defeat was the first of his career. Berthiaume scaled 178½ pounds, Fusso 172.

## Army Footballers Named Team of Year By U.S. Scribes

NEW YORK (AP)—Army's explosive unbeaten and united football team that rolled up 504 points in gaining the mythical United States national championship today was picked the 1944 team-of-the-year in the annual Associated Press year-end poll.

Breaking a 12-year monopoly by major league baseball teams, the cadets piled a total of 209 points to finish far ahead of the 104 garnered by the second-place world champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Montreal Canadiens, Stanley Cup holders and National Hockey League titlists last spring, took sixth place with a six-point total. The outstanding team of 1944 (first place votes in parenthesis), with points awarded on basis of three for each first-place vote, two for second and one for third):

Army, football (57) 209; St. Louis Cards, baseball (19) 104; Randolph Field, football (3) 28; Ohio State, football (1) 23; St. Louis Browns, baseball (4) 21; Montreal Canadiens, hockey, 6; Utah, basketball, 5; Green Bay, football, 4; Great Lakes, baseball (1) 3; Bainbridge Naval, football (1) 3; Michigan, football (1) 3; Phillips 66, basketball, 3; New York Giants, football, 3; Navy, football, 2; Army, basketball, 2; Nelson and McSpaden, golf 1; Taylorville, Ill., high school, basketball, 1; March Field, football, 1; Port Wayne pro basketball, 1; Michigan track, 1; Detroit Tigers, baseball, 1.

## Jackie McLean Out For Couple of Weeks

TORONTO (CP)—Jack McLean, right wing with the Toronto Maple Leafs, didn't suffer a fractured ankle in the National Hockey League game between Leafs and Detroit Red Wings Saturday night, Coach Hap Day said Monday. "But with the luck we're having with players right now I suppose we'll lose him for a couple of weeks."

Day is awaiting a final report from the club physician on the exact nature of the injury. X-rays showed there was no fracture. The Toronto coach also said the Leafs wouldn't use Wally Stanowski in any further games until his army call-up status is clarified.

## U.S. Open Golf May Be Revived

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The golfing grapevine carries rumors the United States Golf Association may revive the national open championship in 1945—it has been a war casualty since the United States entered the war. Professionals plying their trade in the current winter tour, now on the west coast, have heard the report the U.S.G.A. executive committee will discuss revival of the country's No. 1 tournament at the meeting in New York, Jan. 15.

While he has no official voice in the matter, defending champion Craig Wood of Mamaroneck, N.Y., is opposed to reviving the event during wartime. Wood won the open crown at Fort Worth, Tex., in 1941, the last time the event was held.

Wood explained: "I think the United States open should remain suspended until the war is over. The many good players now in the armed forces should have an equal chance at the championship. It would be unfair to revive the tournament when only those not in service, plus a handful in uniform who might be available, could compete."

"To try to revive it now would be making a mockery of it."

## Big Red—In Plaster



Herbert Haseltine, world's foremost sculptor of animals, displays heroic-sized plasticine model of Man o' War at New York exhibit.

## Heusser Tops National Pitchers

## Wilks Outstanding

## Oregon Webfeet In Great Comeback To Defeat U.B.C.

VANCOUVER (CP)—The University of Oregon Webfeet, making their first invasion into Canada, came from behind to defeat the University of British Columbia 35 to 51 in a hoop thriller here Monday.

Coach Maury Van Vleet's U.B.C. quintette outran and outplayed the Oregon team the first half and most of the second. At half time U.B.C. was in front 27 to 19. With 15 minutes left in the game they held a 10-point lead at 35 to 25.

But at that point Webfeet took over and held Thunderbirds scoreless while they piled up 13 points to lead 38 to 35. Dick Wilkins, who tallied 24 points for Oregon, led the way in the offensive.

With two minutes left in the game the U.B.C. team had regained the lead at 51 to 47 but Wilkins and Bob Hamilton put the game on even terms again. Jim Bartlett scored the winning basket and Key Hays dropped over and held Thunderbirds scoreless while they piled up 13 points to lead 38 to 35. Dick Wilkins, who tallied 24 points for Oregon, led the way in the offensive.

## Harness Racing May Flourish in Northwest

SEATTLE (AP)—Presaging increased activity among harness horse devotees in the Pacific Northwest, the formation of the light harness horse matinee racing club at Puyallup, site of the western Washington fairs, was announced Monday.

Norman Baldwin, elected first president of the group, said 17 charter members joined in the organization. Members are from Summer, Kent and Tacoma, as well as from Puyallup.

"There is a surprising number of fine trotting and pacing horses in the region," Baldwin said. "It is our plan to sponsor matinee racing tracks now under construction at Puyallup and Tacoma, to which the public will be invited. Plans are for opening the events early in the spring."

Affiliation with the United States Trotting Association will be sought.

## Ann Curtis Woman Athlete of Year; Holds 18 Swim Marks

NEW YORK (AP)—Ann Curtis, statuesque San Francisco Miss who holds a national swim record for each of her 18 years, Monday was named the woman athlete of the year by sports editors throughout the United States who were polled by the Associated Press.

The coast mermaid showed the same speed in the vote getting that she displayed in the United States outdoor championships when she annexed all four freestyle titles, the third time the trick ever has been done.

At the recent National Amateur Athletic Union convention, Miss Curtis sought approval for 18 United States swim records. Twelve were recognized, the remaining six being rejected because they had been superseded by Miss Curtis herself.

Seventy-one editors participated in the poll with the coast beauty listed first on 31 ballots. The queen of the girl swimmers thus resigns beside Byron Nelson, Toledo, Ohio, golfer, whom the voters previously had elected the male athlete of the year.

Latest honor climaxes a two-year campaign by Miss Curtis in which she has won eight national titles, set 18 United States records and surpassed the world times for both the 800-metre and 880-yard swims.

She has rejected various movie offers in hopes of carrying the colors of the Crystal Plunge Swim Club at San Francisco into Olympic competition.

## Ken Lea Receives Junior Golf Award

In recognition of his having won the Uplands Club junior championship, Ken Lea was presented with the Walter Gravin trophy by the donor at a luncheon held in the clubhouse over the week-end.

Attending the function in addition to a number of junior members were R. F. Williams, club president, and J. D. Ferguson, club captain.

Bill McDonald and Keith Olson tied for first-flight honors and will play off, while Lawrence Bates won the second flight. President Williams spoke briefly and told the juniors that he hoped the junior open championship would grow in importance until it became one of the major items on the club's calendar.

A nine-hole medal round preceded the Sunday function. Frank Rogers was the winner of this event and Ken Lea, newly-crowned champion, was the runner-up. Prizes in the nature of War Savings Stamps were presented to the young competitors.

The first diadems, worn by the ancients instead of crowns, were made of silk or wool and set with precious stones.

## Canadiens Boast Great Scoring Line

## Arena Committee Confident \$65,000 Will Be Raised Soon

Hopes that the citizens' arena committee will be able to present the \$65,000 it guaranteed the City Council to the civic body next month were expressed at a meeting of the committee in the Douglas Hotel Monday.

Hugh Francis, chairman of the ways and means committee, expressed the hope after reporting donations were coming in steadily and collections would be accelerated in January.

Gratification over the passage of the arena by-law was expressed and all who assisted the campaign to support it were thanked.

The committee accepted with thanks an offer from Dexter Lewers to make available a booth at Tommy Tucker's, Yates Street, for collection of contributions. A. Worthington and his committee of young people will preside over the booth.

Thanks was also extended to the Musicians' Union for its offer of support. Assistance was vouchsafed by the B.C. Provincial Government Employees' Association, and the C.C.F. and Capt. Leven reported progress on collections from municipal employees of Saanich.

Details of a new publicity drive organized by Harry Penman were outlined and the meeting adjourned until Jan. 5.

## Courteau Continues To Pace Ice Scorers

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)—There appears to be no stopping Paul Courteau, Providence ace, and apparently perennial leader in the American Hockey League's individual scoring race. He tallied four goals for the second consecutive week to bring his total to 36 points.

The big battle is for the runner-up post which finds Pete Leswick and Byron Macdonald of Indianapolis and Tom Burlington of Cleveland in a triple tie, six points off the pace. Tony Bukovich of Indianapolis, last week's occupant of second, slipped down the scale somewhat.

## UPLANDS GOLF WINNERS

In the turkey competitions held at the Uplands Club the winners were as follows: C. Sutton, D. Johnston, F. Heath, R. Watson, Bert Waude, J. D. Ferguson, H.

Montreal Canadiens are so generally regarded as keep-em-out marvels that it's sometimes overlooked that their present high estate, in a large measure, can be credited to a trio that specializes in putting them in it—Toe Blake, Elmer Leach and Maurice Richard.

This unit is probably the only present-day N.H.L. unit that would have stood out in prewar hockey, as one of its members, reconvertible wingman Blake, who has just recaptured the league scoring leadership, actually did.

On Blake's opposite wing is the ever-dangerous comet, Richard, headed for the goal-getting title with 19. Rugged Elmer Leach, who pivots this talented pair, rates high on the list of all-time centre-ice generals, both offensively and defensively.

The trio packs more than 50 per cent of the champions' scoring wallop, with 39 goals of a team total of 72, and probably controls the play more completely than any other line in the league.

## GAME TONIGHT

In tonight's lone game, Boston Bruins will act as hosts to Detroit Red Wings. Tomorrow night New York Rangers play at Chicago, while Thursday the Rangers will be at Detroit.

Weekly scoring statistics were released today as follows:

	G.	A.	Pts.	Pen.
Blake, Canadiens	15	18	33	0
Courteau, Boston	11	21	32	0
Leach, Canadiens	8	21	29	12
Richard, Canadiens	19	6	25	15*
C. Smith, Chicago	6	16	22	2
Rose, Detroit	6	16	22	2
Cala, Boston	13	8	21	4
Mosienko, Chicago	12	9	21	0
Bodnar, Toronto	11	17	20	10
Jennings, Boston	4	9	20	10
Chir, Toronto	8	10	18	0
C. Smith, Boston	9	8	18	2
Schreiner, Toronto	11	6	17	8
Brummett, Detroit	9	8	17	4
Demarion, Rangers	6	11	17	4
Thody, Detroit	7	9	16	22
Norris, Chicago	7	9	16	22
Hollett, Detroit	8	8	16	14
O'Connor, Canadiens	8	8	16	2
Meis, Toronto	9	6	14	14
Verway, Rangers	7	7	14	8
Crawford, Boston	2	12	14	8
Bouchard, Canadiens	7	7	14	2
McLean, Detroit	9	4	13	4
Pratt, Toronto	6	7	13	11
Davidson, Toronto	6	7	13	8
A. Jackson, Boston	6	8	13	8
Conroy, Boston	7	6	13	4
Kennedy, Toronto	6	6	12	4
Chapman, Chicago	6	6	12	2
Armstrong, Detroit	8	4	12	2
Carveth, Detroit	4	8	12	4
Major penalty				124

## Fish Game Meeting

Meeting of the Victoria Fish and Game Protective Association will be held tonight in the Royal Bank Hall, corner Fort and Cook Street, at 8. All members are requested to attend.

G. MacKenzie, H. Francis, G. K. Verley, Canon S. Ryall, Dr. C. H. Westwood, A. L. Collinson, R. B. Mathews and R. V. Jenkin, Scripts covering the prizes may be picked up at the secretary's office.

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ATLAS — Charles Laughton  
in "The Sign of the Cross."  
CADET — "Rationing," starring  
Wallace Beery.  
CAPITOL — "Laura," starring  
Gene Tierney.  
DOMINION — "The Man in  
Grey," starring Jas. Mason.  
OAK BAY-PLAZA — "Foot-  
light Glamour," starring  
the Bumsteads.  
RIO — Dean Jagger in "When  
Strangers Marry."  
YORK — Ann Sheridan and  
Robert Cummings in  
"King's Row."

**CADET THEATRE**  
Attractive Dorothy Morris, an  
up-and-coming M-G-M star, and  
Tommy Batten appear together  
in "Rationing," the comedy with  
a point now at the Cadet Theatre.  
Wallace Beery and Marjorie Main  
have the two main leads, with  
Miss Morris and young Batten  
handling the romantic angle  
without much need of coaxing.

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The mystery story rates tops  
among the hardy perennials of  
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But few—if any—such films  
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ventional mystery films as has  
20th Century-Fox's "Laura," the  
story of a strange and perilous  
experiment in love—and murder—  
which stars Gene Tierney,  
Dana Andrews and Clifton Webb,  
and now at the Capitol Theatre.

**RIO THEATRE**  
Pete Vaughn, former football  
coach at Wabash College, has  
never quite forgiven his blocking  
half-back, who ducked out of  
school in his sophomore year, and  
went away to become an actor.  
The culprit was Dean Jagger,  
who is currently at the Rio The-  
atre in "When Strangers Marry,"  
the Monogram psychological  
drama in which he is featured  
with Kim Hunter, Robert Mil-  
chum and Neil Hamilton.

**ATLAS THEATRE**  
The modernized production of  
Paramount's "The Sign of the  
Cross," produced by Cecil B. De-  
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Frederic March, Claudette Col-  
bert, Elissa Landi and Charles  
Laughton to the screen in un-  
forgettable roles.

## Imported Vegetables Here for Christmas

Vegetables imported from California especially for the Christmas trade and quantities of apples, oranges and grapefruit, to lend color and vitamins to Yuletide menus, are arriving on Wholesale Town.

Highlighting the fruit scene Monday was arrival of a car of bananas which had been held up in Vancouver four days owing to fog. There will be no further shipments this year and Monday's car was sold immediately.

Artichokes, green peas, rhubarb, cauliflower, parsley, broccoli and eggplant from California came in Monday, and Texas peppers were in Saturday, one wholesaler reported. "Price on the imported vegetables is pretty high but the quality is good," he said.

Local vegetables ready for Christmas are Brussels sprouts and some local cauliflower, celery, squash, and a few hothouse tomatoes. There are field tomatoes from Mexico, and cabbage from Winnipeg. A scarcity of lettuce for Christmas is expected.

"There are no cranberries in the wholesale houses now, they have been out for a week," a wholesaler said. "All cranberries now available are in the hands of the retailers and we expect no further shipments before Christmas."

A good supply of filbert, pecan and walnuts is available with almonds in the shell, only variety of the four, in short supply. A shipment was expected from Spain but will not arrive in time for Christmas.

New crop navel oranges are available now with quantities of large sizes but small and medium sizes are in short supply. McIntosh, Delicious and Newton apples are available and a shipment of Rome Beauties is expected Wednesday. A car of Texas grapefruit arrived on Wholesale Row Monday and a car of Arizona grapefruit is scheduled to arrive by the middle of the week and a further car of Texas at the end of the week.

A shortage of drybelt potatoes is being felt because growers report they have not sufficient refrigerator ears available to ship the potatoes.

## Young Arliss Folk Carrying Tradition

Two younger members of the Arliss family were busy carrying on the tradition when George Arliss visited Gainsborough studios during the filming of "The Man in Grey," which comes today to the Dominion Theatre.

"The Man in Grey" was directed by Leslie Arliss, cousin of the famous George. He was co-director of "The Farmer's Wife" and directed "The Night Has Eyes" and is now under contract to direct two films a year for Maurice Ostler.

The second member of the Arliss family connected with "The Man in Grey" is George Arliss' niece, Ruth Woodman, who has her first important film part as Polly.

## Uncle Ray

HUNGARY BECAME LEADING NATION DURING REIGN OF MATTHIAS

Yesterday I spoke about Hunyadi, a military hero of Hungary who lived 600 years ago. He held the office of regent for a time, but did not become king.

It was left for one of Hunyadi's sons to reach the throne. This son was Matthias Corvinus. Matthias was one of the greatest kings any country has had. During his reign, Hungary rose to be one of the leading nations of Europe.

Matthias was crowned king of Bohemia, as well as of Hungary.



His empire included the city of Vienna.

Matthias helped to promote arts and science in Hungary, and brought about better laws. When he died, people said, "Matthias is dead—there is no more justice."

Hungary suffered in several ways after the death of Matthias. He left behind him no son who could take the throne, and several persons struggled for the royal place. It was years before Ferdinand, a Hapsburg prince, won clear power over Hungary.

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The Hapsburg kings became powerful in Europe, and for a time held control of Holland and Alsace, as well as over Austria and Hungary.

When the First World War broke out the Austro-Hungarian empire was large and important. It was ruled by Francis Joseph, who was known as "emperor of Austria and king of Hungary." This ruler died during the war.

After the close of the war, the empire was broken up. Hungary became an inland country with an area of less than 38,000 square miles.

The capital of Hungary is Budapest, a city which had a population of 1,583,000 in 1940.

There was a time when there were two cities on the Danube River. One of these was known as Buda, and the other—located across the river—was Pest. In 1872 these two cities joined together and became Budapest.

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### McGowan Chosen Boys' Y Secretary

Choice of Dan McGowan by the personnel committee to succeed A. O. Morrison as boys' work secretary was approved by the Y.M.C.A. board of directors Monday. Mr. Morrison will leave for Kelowna in January where he will be community councillor.

More than 400 attended "A Salute to Our Allies," according to a report on the physical section by H. B. Witter. Attendance in the section was increased by large army groups to a total of 2,925.

Harold Campbell said highlight of the public speaking division was a visit to the Toastmasters' Club, Nov. 7 by Robert Switzer. Toastmasters' Club showed an attendance of more than 90 per cent.

Y.M.C.A. leaders in Seattle considered the Older Boys' Conference attended by 170 one of the finest. Dr. Clifford Carl said. Outstanding features were the address by Padre Orville Hossie, R.C.N., and the sermon by Dean Spencer Elliott to the delegates at Christ Church Cathedral.

P. A. Gibbs told directors that the British Columbia conference of "Y" secretaries at New Westminster was the first held in 10 years.

He pointed out that 2,491 persons from community and "Y" organizations used the committee rooms.

Reporting for the social and education committee Ray Parfitt said that the Soed committee offered four courses to the public. The committee also redecorated and partly furnished the boys' and co-educational office. Hostess group have continued with dances arranged for soldiers, including "learn to dance" parties attended by 50 boys at Topaz Avenue. The canteen caters to 200 young people every Saturday.

War Service report by W. T. Straith, M.L.A., showed three performances by the Red Triangle Party with an attendance of 355.

Directors passed a resolution giving authority to clear the lumber room, which contains material left there during the last 30 years.

### Top Turkey Price 46c, Says W.P.T.B.

Top turkey price that a retailer may ask is 46 cents a pound on special grade turkeys, C.A. Conrad, Wartime Prices and Trade Board officer, said today, as he told of "a reasonably good supply of turkeys" this year.

"The prices as set will hold until the first of the new year, and they are just about the same as last year," Mr. Conrad said.

Ceiling price for Grade A turkeys is 44 cents a pound; for Grade B, 42 cents a pound; and for Grade C, 39 cents a pound. Top price that may be asked for chicken is 44 cents a pound on special grade milk-fed, chicken. Ceiling price on Grade A milk-fed is 43 cents a pound; on Grade B milk-fed, 41 cents a pound, and on special grade not milk-fed, 42 cents a pound.

Ceiling price on Grade A geese is 33 cents a pound; on Grade B, 31 cents a pound; and on Grade C, 24 cents a pound. Top price for Grade A ducks is 35 cents a pound; on Grade B, 33 cents a pound; and on Grade C, 27 cents a pound.

### In Police Court

A. J. Patton today in city court concluded the prosecution in the preliminary hearing of Graham S. Fleming, charged with assaulting Constable Stanley Hise, and Stuart Henderson announced he would reserve defence. At the request of Mr. Henderson the charge was remanded until Wednesday before a ruling on disposal.

Three persons pleaded guilty of failing to purchase current radio licenses and were each fined \$1 and \$2.50 costs.

Nine motorists paid a total of \$25 in traffic and parking fines.

## 2 Brothers of Latest V.C. Overseas



Home and family of Pte. Ernest Alvia "Smoky" Smith, 30-year-old soldier of the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada, who is the first Canadian private to win the V.C., is pictured above. At top left is Pte. Jack Smith who is serving with the Canadian Scottish Regiment overseas. Top right shows the Smith home at 713 Fifth Street, New Westminster, B.C. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith, father and mother of "Smoky" Smith are shown, lower left, in the living room of their home, and at lower right the third of the three sons serving in the Canadian army. Pte. Burton Smith, of the Saint John Fusiliers is pictured.

### Citation Says 'Smoky' Smith Saved Bridgehead By Himself

OTTAWA (CP)—Following is the text of the citation accompanying the award of the Victoria Cross to Pte. Ernest Alvia (Smoky) Smith of New Westminster, B.C., announced today by Defence Headquarters:

In Italy on the night of Oct. 21-22, 1944, a Canadian Infantry Brigade was ordered to establish a bridgehead across the Savio river. The Seaforth Highlanders of Canada were selected as the spearhead of the attack and in weather most unfavorable to the operation they crossed the river and captured their objective, in spite of strong opposition from the enemy.

Torrential rain had caused the Savio river to rise six feet in five hours and as the soft vertical banks made it impossible to bridge the river no tanks or anti-tank guns could be taken across the raging stream to the support of the rifle companies.

Under heavy fire from the approaching enemy tanks, Pte. Smith, showing great initiative and inspiring leadership, led his Plan group of two men across an open field to a position from which the Platoon could best be employed. Leaving one man on the weapon, Pte. Smith crossed the road with a companion and obtained another Platoon.

Almost immediately an enemy tank came down the road firing its machine guns along the line of ditches. Pte. Smith's comrade was wounded. At a range of 30 feet and having to expose himself to the full view of the enemy, Pte. Smith fired the Platoon and hit the tank, putting it out of action.

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Ten German infantry immediately jumped off the back of the tank, and charged him with submachine guns and grenades. Without hesitation Pte. Smith moved out onto the road and at point-blank range with his Tommy-gun killed four Germans and drove the remainder back. Almost immediately another tank opened fire and more enemy infantry closed in on Smith's position.

Obtaining some abandoned Tommy-gun magazines from a ditch, he steadfastly held his position, protecting his comrade and fighting the enemy with his Tommy-gun until they finally gave up and withdrew in disorder.

One tank and both self-propelled

### F.B.I. Investigates Jap-Marked Balloon Found in Montana

KALISPELL, Mont. (AP)—A huge paper balloon, bearing Japanese ideographs and armed with an incendiary bomb capable of starting a major conflagration in this northwest timber empire, has been found 18 miles southwest of Kalispell, the Federal Bureau of Investigation said.

Announcement of the strange device, camouflaged blue and cream color, was permitted Monday night, a week after Owen Hill and his father, O. B. Hill, found it while on a wood-cutting trip.

Ward Bannister, in charge of Montana-Idaho F.B.I. offices, commented that prevailing winds on the west coast recently have been from the west or northwest. Free balloons, he added, are known to travel as fast as 200 miles an hour in swift, high air currents. Air mile distance from Cape Flattery on the northwest U.S. Pacific coast to Kalispell is 475 miles.

He did not comment on the probable purpose of the balloon, nor its point of release, but said it was a "free balloon, capable of making only one flight" and that it was not a weather balloon.

Bannister described the balloon coloring as "an effective camouflage color." It was 33½ feet in diameter, and armed with a six-inch bomb containing "aluminum and some oxide."

A 70-foot fuse had ignited, then sputtered out without causing any damage.

Bannister said the Japanese ideographs stated date of manufacture and inspection, and that the balloon was "high quality paper," treated with varnish.

### Flying Forts Hit Nazi Supply Lines Just Behind Front

LONDON (CP)—Three hundred Flying Fortresses spread nearly 1,000 tons of explosives on German supply lines immediately behind counterattacking German troops today in the first mission of its kind in the European war.

The British-based heavyweights, crammed to capacity with deadly fragmentation bombs and high explosives, struck at three rail and five road junctions on a 50-mile front stretching from their north to Gemund.

Monday night German warships sheltered in the Baltic port of Gdynia, north of Danzig, were attacked by some 500 R.A.F. Lancasters, while other British heavy bombers struck Nurnberg and Munster.

One enemy plane was destroyed in the night operations, which also included attacks on airbases well behind the German lines. Five British planes were missing.

### Emergency Mission

The night blows followed up an emergency daylight mission by 1,100 British-based U.S. planes which bombed the Rhine rail hubs of Cologne, Coblenz and Mainz—centres feeding Field Marshal von Rundstedt's powerful counter-offensive.

The greater part of what remains on the Nazi surface fleet—the pocket battleships Luetzow and Scheer and four cruisers—was the objective of the Lancasters, which carried nearly 2,500 tons of bombs to the Polish harbor. The British planes made a round-trip flight of 1,600 miles.

Allied planes supporting the U.S. 1st Army ground troops battling the German counter-offensive shot down 46 enemy aircraft Tuesday out of a force of more than 300. Eleven Allied fighters are missing.

### Ack Ack Scores

Including 20 Nazi aircraft shot down by ground gunners, the German air force in two days has suffered at least 190 losses in the western front area alone, and 101 more of its planes have been damaged or probably destroyed. At least 48 others were belted from the sky by Italy-based planes which attacked oil and rail targets in German Silesia.

The latest figure of the total Allied losses was 85 planes.

Despite ground-hugging clouds, fighter-bombers based on the continent made 600 trips along the battlefield south of Aachen on Tuesday and gave Nazi armor and supply transports the worst mauling since the German 7th Army was pounded in the Falaise Gap in Normandy last summer.

### Pope to Broadcast

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius XII will make his annual Christmas broadcast Sunday, Dec. 24, at 1:15 p.m. (5:15 a.m. P.D.T.) the Vatican announced today.

The address will be delivered over the Vatican radio in Italian and subsequently rebroadcast in other languages.

Que, for bravery with the Royal 22nd Regiment at Casa Berardi, Italy, Dec. 14, 1943.

Maj. Charles Ferguson Hoey, Duncan, B.C., recognized posthumously for service with the British army in the Indian-Burma campaign in February, 1944.

Maj. John Keefer Mahony, 33, New Westminster, B.C., for continuing successful direction of the holding of an Italian bridgehead, May 24, 1944, after being wounded three times.

Flt. Lt. David E. (Bud) Hornell, 34, Mimico, Ont., for pressing home a successful attack on a U-boat in June, 1944, which cost his life.

Maj. David Vivian Currie, 32, of Moose Jaw, Sask., and Owen Sound, Ont., for blocking and holding one of the main German escape routes out of the Falaise pocket Aug. 20, 1944.

### Killed in Action

Capt. W. F. Nicholas, Gloucestershire Regiment, has been killed in action in Holland, according to word received here by his sister, with whom he formerly resided at 508 Dallas Road, Surrey, England. Capt. Nicholas was a member of the permanent force in peace time and served with the R.C.A.S.C. with whom he went overseas at the outbreak of war, returning in 1943 to gain his lieutenantcy at Gordon Head.

Returning overseas, he transferred to the Gloucesters in the spring and was with them when killed. He had 12 years in the service, and had just received recent promotion to the rank of captain.

### Streetcar Stand Severest—Murrin

A declaration by W. G. Murrin, president of the B.C. Electric Railway Co. Ltd. that the street railway union stand constitutes "the severest set of requests ever advanced by the union in more than 35 years," and a statement by R. Davidson, Victoria local president, that efforts are apparent to split the men in Victoria and Vancouver, featured latest developments in the dispute which may tie up company transportation in B.C., Jan. 6.

Decision on a possible strike will be reached following a referendum on the question to be held by the various locals Friday night.

Mr. Davidson made his statement over early publication of subject matter of a Victoria union meeting last Friday. That information, he said, was confidential until the mainland unions had discussed it. He denied announcing a strike threat Friday, and said "in my belief, that announcement was made to cause a rift in the ranks of the men. No rift will develop."

In Vancouver Mr. Murrin denied union assertions blaming the company for delaying negotiations and thus precipitating a strike threat over increased wage demands ranging from 16 to 29 cents an hour.

"Last Saturday the company was notified that the National Board would have its decision down by the end of the month, and we understood that the union had been notified to the same effect," Mr. Murrin's statement said.

City night school classes, terminated for the Christmas season, will be re-opened during the week of Jan. 8, with the majority of students resuming class on Jan. 9.

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### Norden Bombsight Makers Indicted

NEW YORK (AP)—A special federal grand jury today indicted Carl L. Norden, Inc., bombsight manufacturers, and a war plant survey firm and four individuals on charges of conspiracy to slow down production of the war-vital Norden bombsights.

The indictments also charge a conspiracy aimed at forcing makers of war goods to employ the survey company, Corrigan, Osburne and Wells Inc., specialists in the installations of production control systems for industrial concerns.

Individuals named are Theodore H. Barth, president, and Ward E. Marvelle, vice-president of the Norden company; Cmdr. John D. Corrigan of the U.S. Navy, as head of the survey firm, and Robert H. Wells, vice-president of the concern.

Corrigan's commission as a navy commander has been under suspension since June, when inquiry into the case by the grand jury, the Justice Department and the Senate War Investigating committee started.

A Justice Department announcement in Washington said two indictments charge the defendants with conspiring to withhold information on the manufacture of the bombsight from other manufacturers.

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Optimism concerning the future of the shipbuilding industry was expressed by Norman A. Yarrow, president and managing director of Yarrow Ltd., who returned to the city today after attending the semi-annual meeting of the Canadian Shipbuilders and Ship-Repairing Association at Ottawa.

Mr. Yarrow, who is a member of the association's executive, said the whole question of Canada's position in the postwar shipbuilding world was reviewed by the conference, including tonnage replacements by Canadian ocean and coastwise steamship operators.

Government subsidization was the only way to overcome the difference in construction costs between Canada and other countries, the conference decided. Ships exposed to world competition must obviously be built in the cheapest market, so the bridging of disparity in costs could only be achieved by subsidization.

Ceiling Price Set On B.C. Millwork

Establishment of uniform ceiling prices for millwork produced and sold in the Vancouver forest district of British Columbia is announced by A. H. Williamson, regional administrator for the War-time Prices and Trade Board.

Articles affected by the new orders include sash, doors, frames and other millwork. The Vancouver forest district is roughly the southern coastal region of the province and Vancouver Island.

No uniform retailers' prices for millwork have hitherto been established in this area. Mr. Williamson pointed out. Prices in Victoria were on an established footing for certain items, but in Vancouver and district, because of the large number of small factories, there were no standard prices recognized by millwork operators.

The new order, which became effective Dec. 15, fixes prices at approximately basic period levels and in proper relationship to retail prices for millwork in other parts of Canada.

The board also announces manufacturers' ceiling prices for millwork manufactured in the Vancouver forest district for sale anywhere within the province and an amendment to its pricing order for fir, cedar and Sitka spruce doors produced on the Pacific coast for sale within British Columbia to put the price in proper relationship with prices received for shipments to the other provinces.

Maximum mark-ups are specified for all pieces of millwork not specifically mentioned in the schedules to the orders.

No Ration Return For Tea and Coffee

"Rumors circulating in Vancouver over the week-end that tea and coffee are to go back on the ration are absolutely without foundation," says O. H. Bell, regional superintendent of rationing, War-time Prices and Trade Board.

"This rumor was circulated in Toronto three or four weeks ago and was then contradicted by R. T. Mohan, administrator of tea and coffee," said Mr. Bell. "The rumor has been spreading westward and hit B.C. last week, culminating on Saturday."

"We can assure the public that there is no intention of placing tea and coffee back on the ration and we appeal to them not to selfishly buy more than their actual requirements."

Tree Cutters Warned

Chief H. W. V. Pegkold of the Esquimalt police department warned today action would be taken against any boys and girls found cutting down trees and shrubs in municipal parks for use as decorations.

He said he had received several complaints of tree cutting in the municipal parks and in Esquimalt gardens. Some trees had been cut down, he said, while others were stripped of their boughs.

Taxi, Air Force Truck Collide On Fort Street

A taxi cab, driven by Ambrose M. Snelgrove, 1555 Hampshire Road, was considerably damaged when it and an R.C.A.F. truck driven by James F. Cairns, Patricia Bay, collided on Fort Street. The air force truck was pulling from the curb at the time of the crash.

Mrs. R. Hale, 1439 Haultain Street, told police her car was slightly damaged when it was struck on Haultain Street near Forbes Street Monday afternoon by another car which failed to stop at the accident scene.

Yugoslavs Take Town

NEW YORK (AP) - Marshal Tito announced in a broadcast communique today that his Yugoslav Partisan forces had captured Podgorica, an important center in southern Montenegro, 19 miles from the Albanian border.

A permit for a \$1,420 addition to the Union Oil Co. Ltd. office at 31 Songhees Road was issued by the city building inspector's department Monday afternoon.

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TENDERS

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS WESTERN REGION

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer, Winnipeg, Manitoba, until 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, January 18th, 1945, for the construction of a concrete substructure for a permanent bridge at mileage 121-1/2, Alberta Subdivision, near Thunder River, B.C.

Plans, specifications and form of contract may be seen and form of tender obtained at the office of the Chief Engineer, Winnipeg; District Engineer at Edmonton, and Vancouver and Division Engineer at Calgary and Victoria.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on form supplied by the railway company and accompanied by an accepted cheque drawn on a chartered bank in Canada in favor of Canadian National Railways equal to five per cent of the total amount of the tender.

No bid will be accepted with tenders on this work.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. K. DEVENISH, Vice-president, Winnipeg, Manitoba, December 18th, 1944.

450 Canadians to Get Honors at New Year

OTTAWA (CP) - More than 450 Canadian servicemen will be included in the King's New Year honors list, it was indicated here today.

While the lists are not yet complete, the Navy estimated a list of 145, the Army 140 and the R.C.A.F. 180. All the lists are expected to include a smattering of women.

Accompanying the Navy's list will be the traditional New Year's promotions, this year totaling between 500 and 600 names.

Canadians Meeting Strong Resistance From Nazis in Italy

ROME (AP) - Canadian troops of the British 8th Army pushing out from their bridgehead west of the Naviglio Canal in the Adriatic sector of the Italian front still are colliding with strong enemy resistance and bitter fighting continues, Allied headquarters said today.

The communique said fighting centered "around Bagnacavallo and northwest of Faenza."

The Canadians Monday night were reported moving up to assault Bagnacavallo, strategic highway centre about 10 miles north-northeast of fallen Faenza.

Canadian Press war correspondent William Boss previously had reported the Canadian Corps was operating "almost in the shade of Bagnacavallo's steeples."

North and northwest of Faenza, New Zealand units still were mopping up after their capture of the town Sunday.

To the west Polish units were reported moving through "scattered resistance" toward the river Senio. This action was being carried out about 5 1/2 miles south-east of Imola, as the 8th Army probed enemy positions before driving forward again in its Po Valley offensive.

The enemy slowly was giving ground along the Via Emilia toward Bologna, and along the Adriatic coast toward the mouth of the Po.

Only patrol action today was reported from the Allied 5th Army front in central and western Italy.

Beverage Thefts

VANCOUVER (CP) - Seventy-five cases of ale, 16 dozen beer, three bottles of whiskey and a bottle of wine were stolen within the past 24 hours, according to complaints received today by police.

A one-ton truck containing the 75 cases of ale was stolen from a garage.

Mrs. E. A. Hall reported her apartment was broken into Monday and 16 dozen beer stolen.

A bottle of scotch, two bottles of rye and a bottle of wine were stolen from the home of William G. Morrison.

Oak Bay Firemen Seek Wage Increase

The firefighters of Oak Bay have requested an increase in their wages and also an allowance for winter and summer shirts and boots, it was reported in a communication received by the council at a special meeting Monday evening. The matter was referred to the Fire Warden's of 1945 for investigation and report.

In line with a resolution passed at the Union of B.C. Municipalities at their recent meeting to the effect that the provincial government should bear a higher proportion of the costs of education a resolution in support of the proposition will be drafted for passage by the Oak Bay Council.

The council felt that it would be a good idea to keep active the committee of approving officers of the four municipalities of Greater Victoria to keep street names in the municipalities from conflicting. Saanich, in a letter, reported a proposed change of Hess Street to Hamber Street. Engineer A. S. G. Musgrave has called attention to the fact that Oak Bay has a Hamber Street, and this might result in confusion.

Authority was given for the purchase of 100 more garbage cans at a cost of \$5 each.

The amendment to the zoning by-law was introduced and passed. It will have its final passage after a meeting by the zoning committee to consider more changes.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Reeve L. W. Woodhouse thanked council members for their co-operation during the year and expressed regret that Counciler Frank Turley would no longer be on the council.

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